

621—1.6 (20) Definitions.

1.6(1) “*Act*” as used in these rules shall mean the public employment relations Act, Iowa Code chapter 20.

1.6(2) “*Board*” as used in these rules shall mean the public employment relations board. No official board action may be taken without the concurrence of at least two members of the board; provided, however, that when for compelling reasons only two members hear an appeal of a proposed decision in a contested case and the two members do not concur, the result shall be affirmation of the proposed decision. The board, in its discretion, may delegate to board employees duties which the Act does not specifically require be performed by the board.

1.6(3) *Petitioner—complainant—respondent—intervenor:*

a. “*Petitioner*” means the party filing a petition under Iowa Code section 20.13 or 20.14.

b. “*Complainant*” means the party filing a complaint under Iowa Code section 20.11, alleging the commission of a prohibited practice.

c. “*Respondent*” means the party accused of committing a prohibited practice.

d. “*Intervenor*” means a party who voluntarily interposes in a proceeding with the approval of the board or administrative law judge.

1.6(4) “*Party*” as used in these rules shall mean any person, employee organization or public employer who has filed a petition or complaint under the Act or these rules; who has been named as a party in a complaint, petition or other matter under these rules; or whose motion to intervene has been granted by the board.

1.6(5) “*Impasse item*” means any term which was a subject of negotiations and proposed to be included in a collective bargaining agreement upon which the parties have failed to reach agreement in the course of negotiations, except as provided for in 621—6.1(20). Failure of the parties to agree upon impasse procedures shall not constitute an impasse item or compel implementation of impasse procedures.

1.6(6) “*Impasse procedures*” means either the procedures set forth in Iowa Code sections 20.20 and 20.22 or any procedures agreed upon by the parties pursuant to Iowa Code section 20.19 which are designed to result in a binding collective bargaining agreement.

1.6(7) “*Contested case*” means a proceeding defined by Iowa Code section 17A.2(5) and includes any matter defined as a no factual dispute contested case under 1998 Iowa Acts, chapter 1202, section 14.

1.6(8) “*Adjudicatory proceeding*” means a contested case, a proceeding that may culminate in a contested case, a petition for declaratory order, a petition for expedited resolution of a negotiability dispute, or any other proceeding which may require the board or its designee to issue a decision, order, or ruling.

1.6(9) “*Agency*” as used in these rules means the public employment relations board and the board’s employees.

1.6(10) “*Confidential information*” means information excluded from public access by federal or state law or administrative rule, court rule, court or administrative order, or case law.

1.6(11) “*Protected information*” means personal information, the nature of which warrants protection from unlimited public access, including:

- a.* Social security numbers.
- b.* Financial account numbers.
- c.* Dates of birth.
- d.* Names of minor children.
- e.* Individual taxpayer identification numbers.
- f.* Personal identification numbers.
- g.* Other unique identifying numbers.